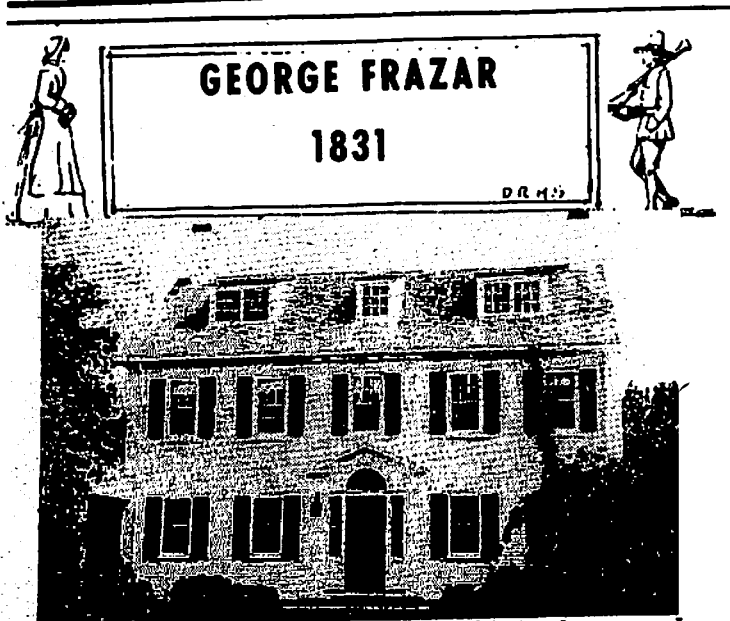


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In 1805 Josuah and Nathaniel Winsor lived in two houses on Long Point, conducting a shipping business on the Winsor Wharves which lay at the foot of the hill. It was a busy place with three buildings -- a warehouse, a coal shed, and a sail loft. In 1807 Nathaniel left to live in his new house on Washington St. but Joshua stayed on until his death in 1827.

By 1831 the Joshua Winsor estate had suffered through neglect and the changing times and when the Winsor heirs sold to George Frazar, merchant, of Duxbury, in 1831, the house was so old and in such condition that he tore it down and built the present house right over Joshua Winsor's cellar.

It was a fine new house, in keeping with the prospects of a rising young merchant and George Frazar and his wife Anne, must have looked forward to a life time on Long Point. They had one little girl, six months old Helen, when they built and Temperance and Everett, born 1832 and 1834, made a family of five. Then tragedy struck when George Jr. was born July 10, 1842, with Ann Frazar and her baby dying three weeks later. George went off on a voyage to China and the house was sold.

Successive owners, all prosperous business men, owned the house for many years. They added to the original Frazar house and made improvements but it has kept a substantial appearance of dignity through the various ownerships. Finally, in 1914, Frank Maxwell bought it for a summer home. It is his daughter, Helen Maxwell Abbot, who compiled much of the history of the place and recorded stories that add interest to bare documentation.

Maxwell enlarged the house considerably by adding an ell in the back but retaining all the old features in the old portion of the house, according to Mrs. Abbot, the present dining room and many of the doors and latches being from the original Frazar house.

Duxbury history from the late 1700s lives in this land and from its wharves sailed the fishing fleet that was the beginning of the maritime expansion following the revolution. Although the present house is of a later date, it overlooks the bay and wharf sites which determined the location, a proud house built and long occupied by men who made Duxbury history.

Today Freeman and Katharine Boynton, well aware of this historic house and location occupy and maintain it, the house George Frazar built in 1831.

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